

LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting, held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 7pm at Little Comberton Village Hall

1. **PRESENT** – Chairman L Haycock, Cllrs C Rabbette and P Morris
2. **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr S Britten, A Dermont and N Jamieson
3. **CO-OPTION** – It was agreed that we agree a strategy at the November meeting to try and get some interest from parishioners to fill the Cllr vacancy and also to take on the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordination.
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Cllr Haycock reported that she had been contacted by a resident from Elmley Castle Parish Council raising concerns with regard road safety. The clerk is aware that the new District Cllr, Emma Kearsey, is keen to engage with Hollyoak / Hayloft with a view to address the concerns raised.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Minutes from previous meetings were approved, proposed Cllr Rabbette, seconded Cllr Morris – all in favour

5. PROGRESS REPORTS

a) Highway Matters :

- White Gates – despite several attempts to get these cleaned, it is near impossible due to the ‘grainy’ finish. It was agreed we go back to WCC, asking if it is possible to have these changed for an alternative that is easier to clean
- ‘Hedgehog’ signs – ‘Hedgehog’ signs – It was agreed we go back to parishioner that raised this with the parish council, thanking them for contacting us, and were they able to direct us to some suitable signage.
- Drainage Issues, Junction Orchard Drive / Pershore Road – the clerk will chase WCC for an update on when this issue can be resolved. Previous communication suggested a road closure / diversion would be necessary.

b) Footpaths/Rights of Way – No issues to report. The clerk to contact the footpath warden to advise we are now back meeting face to face, and are welcome to attend a meeting if they so wish

c) Lengthsman – No update from Cllr Jamieson

d) BHCG – Cllr Britten not present to report, but we are aware that the group has no secretary at present.

e) Ditches/watercourses – nothing to report

f) Dog Waste Bin – this has now been installed and used by dog walkers

6. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT** – No report received

7. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT** – No report received

8. PLANNING:

- 20/02826 – Tythe Court, Manor Lane – erection of stables and menage – *amendments had been made to the planning application with the menage removed, awaiting decision by WDC*

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- 21/01288 – 2 Pool Close – to replace existing garage with single bay garage – *approved by WDC*
- Hollyoak Nursery (Hayloft) – live / work unit – *approved by WDC*
- 21/02034 Willow Bank, Old Fallow Farm – increase height to existing garage, erection of carport and log store – this was considered via delegated powers and no objections raised by the parish council.

9. FINANCE / GOVERNANCE –

a) Payments for approval / made since last meeting –

Clerks Expenses	SO	12.00
Painting Railings	774	100.00
VH Hire	775	13.00
Lengths man June	776	144.00
Clerks Salary	SO	306.32
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Lengths man July August	777	288.00
ICO renewal	778	40.00
Clerks PAYE	779	229.60
Paint - railings	780	100.00

Proposed approval of payments and accounts to date Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr Rabette – all in favour

9. HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report

10. **COMMEMORATIVE TREES** - Following receipt of the last of the New Homes Bonus monies (£119), to be used for the purchase of trees (Red May) on the entrance to the village, it was agreed that this be deferred to the November meeting to allow time for us to consider suitable locations, with a small working party to plant them.

Cllr Haycock reported on damage to the giant Redwood at the Old Vicarage, possible due to horses and the tree not being fenced off, that had been pointed out to her by the WCC Tree Warden on a recent visit. The clerk would contact the property owners to bring this to their attention

11. BROADBAND UPDATE - No further update

12. CRIME - Neighbourhood Watch – No coordinator in position to report.

13. CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL TIER SYSTEM – PERSHORE – the clerk brought to the parish council's attention a future consultation regarding changes to the tier system (Persore catchment), changing from 2-tier to 3-tier and removing middle schools. Children from Little Comberton go through both the Persore and Evesham school route. It was considered that we should ask Elmley Castle school for their thoughts and if they have any concerns.

13. CORRESPONDENCE – no other Correspondence to report that hasn't been covered elsewhere in the agenda.

14. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / DISCUSSION:

- Policy Review – in hand
- Cllr vacancy – to promote
- Budget / Precept Request – to be agreed at the January meeting. *Clerk to draft for next meeting*

15. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd November 2021